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1. On 16 March 1952, a train of 24 boxcars with 25 to 30 men each, 4 boxcars with rations, 9 boxcars with ammunition, 5 boxcars with billeting equipment, 2 passenger coaches with officers and 2 flatcars [redacted] departed from Rathenow (N 53/Z 15) toward Altengrabow. (C-2) On 25 March, 60 newly painted [redacted] were unloaded and moved to the Pionier Kaserne and the Kraftfahrer Kaserne. A convoy of 15 tractors with 152-mm guns [redacted] 7 trucks with about 16 men each from the Kraftfahrer Kaserne and trucks [redacted] with boxes from the Pionier Kaserne was seen departing toward Altengrabow on 8 April. (1)

2. On 25 March, troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were loaded on 5 boxcars; 1 sedan, 15 trucks, 1 radio truck, 1 field kitchen, and 9 AT guns were loaded on an undetermined number of flatcars, and ammunition was loaded on 2 boxcars at the Pasewalk (N 54/Q 16) railroad station.

On 30 March, a train of 5 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 boxcars with ammunition, 1 sedan, 1 radio truck, 15 trucks and 10 AT guns was unloaded. The train came from Neubrandenburg. Eight of the vehicles [redacted]

3. On 30 March, at 11:30 a.m., a unit of 12 officers, 200 men with red-bordered black epaulets, 8 x 76.5-mm AT guns and 11 trucks with boxes was unloaded at the Pasewalk railroad station. Vehicles identified included [redacted]

4. On 31 March at 6:45 a.m., a column of 7 trucks towing guns and 1 radio truck moved through Potsdam and proceeded toward Michendorf. The guns were covered. Eight of the vehicles [redacted]

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5. On 31 March, 15 caterpillar tractors towing artillery pieces were unloaded at the Altengrabow (N 53/Z 00) railroad station from a train coming from Potsdam. The artillery pieces [redacted]

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[redacted] the same shipment returned to Potsdam on 2 April. (4) A shipment of 6 tanks and the trucks [redacted] on 9 April. (5)

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6. On 31 March, 8 tanks, including tank [redacted] were seen moving from the Wolmirstedt (N 53/Y 61) railroad station. Eleven tanks seen on 1 April [redacted]

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[redacted] seen in a group and 4 tanks, [redacted] were identified on 1 April. Three JS tanks, including tank [redacted] were seen on 2 April. Three trucks of the [redacted] series and 17 tanks came from the railroad station on 12 April. (6)

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7. The tank regiment in the Panzer Kaserne, Neubrandenburg (N 54/U 66), had left the installation on trucks by small shipments during the evening hours of the days prior to 3 April; only a rear detail and a training battalion were left at the installation. (7)

8. On 5 April, 50 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets unloaded 50 unnumbered trucks from a train at the Doberitz (N 53/Z 65) railroad station. On 7 April, 200 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, 10 SU-152 SP guns, 6 JS-2 tanks and 20 trucks of the [redacted] were unloaded there. (8)

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9. A unit from the General Wever Kaserne was loaded at the Wildpark railroad station at 2 a.m. on 6 April. It consisted of caterpillar tractors [redacted]

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10. At 2:50 p.m. on 5 April, a train which pulled out of the Eberswalde railroad station toward Britz consisted of 4 passenger coaches, 10 empty flatcars, 13 flatcars with aircraft crates and 7 flatcars with a box of about 1.80 x 2 x 2.50 meters each. (10) At about 11 a.m. on 7 April, JS-3 tanks [redacted] from the Artillerie Kaserne were entrained. At 10:30 a.m. on 9 April, 20 new trucks were unloaded, 17 of which departed toward Britz. (11)

11. During the night of 6 April, a unit was unloaded in Magdeburg (N 53/V 60) and departed toward Wolmirstedt with full equipment on the morning of 7 April. The head and the rear of the unit was composed of six tanks each. The unit included 26 to 29 trucks, some of which towed artillery pieces, and 1 field kitchen. [redacted] The side walls of the [redacted]

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12. The tank unit Zenyrnov departed from their quarters in the former concentration camp Sachsenhausen, Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67), on the morning of 7 April. [redacted] On 8 April, the AT artillery brigade in the restricted Weisse Stadt area made

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preparations for their departure to the summer camp which was presumably in the Neustrelitz area. (13)

13. On 10 April, about 60 soldiers loaded 18 JS-2 tanks at the Fuerstena-  
walde (N 53/V 33) railroad station. The train pulled out toward Frankfurt/  
Oder. (14)
14. On 11 April, a column moved from Gross Glienicke toward Potsdam. It  
consisted of 5 to 7 trucks towing 76.2-mm model ZIS-3 guns; 2 field  
kitchens, 4 trucks carrying soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets  
with artillery insignia; and 2 trucks carrying billeting equipment.

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15. On 10 April, two trains were unloaded at Neuhaldensleben (N 53/Y 51).  
Among the material unloaded there were 4 AT guns, 5 sedans, and about  
50 trucks. Intensive vehicular  
traffic was noticed in Neuhaldensleben after 10 April. Vehicles identified

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- Comments.
- (1) Both trains carried components of the 6th Arty Div and were probably bound  
for Altengrabow. train carrying elements  
of the 65th (?) Art Bde was unloaded in Altengrabow on 17 March 1952.
- (2) The train which carried components of the 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the  
9th Gds Tank Div was bound for Luckenwalde and . This is indicated  
a train from Luckenwalde to Pasewalk on 29 March.
- (3) A column of the 10th Gds Tank Div, probably coming from Krampnitz, was seen.
- (4) The train carried a unit of the unidentified artillery division in Pots-  
dam and was probably one of the three trains which ran from Potsdam to  
Altengrabow on 30 March.
- (5) Probably a shipment of the 220th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the Eighth Gds  
Army from Glauchau.
- (6) The tanks involved belong to tank detachments of the 21st Gds Mecz Div  
which were sent for firing practice to the area of the Letzling Heath troop  
training grounds. The information supplements previous reports on the  
appearance of tank details of components of the Eighth Gds Army in the  
area of the Letzling Heath since March 1952.
- (7) Possibly only the departure of the unidentified Gds heavy tank SP regiment  
of the 9th Gds Tank Div for short term training cycles, presumably without  
tanks.
- (8) The tanks and SP guns unloaded belong to the 1st Mecz Div.
- (9) The loading was carried out by a unit of the unidentified artillery division  
in Potsdam, probably by the unidentified gun artillery brigade and possibly  
the 138th.
- (10) Probably an incoming shipment of jet airplanes.
- (11) The tanks may belong to the 82d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

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- (12) The unit belongs to the 19th Gds Mecz Div.
- (13) There have been no reports to date indicating a general occupation of the troop training grounds in the Soviet Zone of Germany. Lieutenant Colonel Zemyrnov (fnu) is known to be supply officer of a unit of the 25th Tank Div. In the summer of 1951, the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Second Gds Mecz Army practiced at the Jueterbog troop training grounds by rotation.
- (14) Presumably tanks of the 7th Gds Mecz Div which were probably shipped to the Lieberose troop training grounds.
- (15) The column belongs to the 10th Gds Tank Div.
- (16) The units unloaded from the two trains belong to the 7th Gds Tank Div. The vehicles seen in Neuhaudensleben belong to the 7th Gds Tank Div of the 19th Gds Mecz Div, to headquarters units of the Third Shock Army, to the 297th Mtz Rifle Div and to the GOFG. These shipments may be indicative of the beginning of the occupation of the Letzling Heath troop training grounds. The division practiced at Letzling Heath also in the summer of 1951; hence the shipments concerned may constitute the first major advance parties.

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